

DEFINITIONS for 1997

AFFILIATED AREAS: Areas administrated in connection with the NPS which use NPS assistance but are neither federally owned nor directly administered by the NPS.

BACKCOUNTRY: One or more primitive or wilderness areas in a park reached primarily by hiking, boating, or horseback.

BUSES: Vehicles carrying 10 or more passengers including commercial tour buses and school buses.

CAMPGROUND: An area of land designated and developed for use as a camp.

CATEGORY: NPS areas are categorized by their proximity to population centers in the following manner:

Mixed Area Park - A park located in a mixture of Outlying Area, Rural Area, Suburban Area, or Urban Area.

Outlying Area Park - A park located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than one million population.

Remote Area Park - A park located outside of any MSA and requiring special travel arrangements to reach.

Rural Area Park - A park located outside of any MSA and accessible by paved highway, scheduled air or marine transportation service.

Suburban Area Park - A park located outside the central city but still within a MSA of greater than one million population.

Urban Area Park - A park located within the central city of a MSA.

CLASSIFICATION: Designated names for areas administered by the NPS may be found in the publication, The National Parks: Index 1997 - 1999.

CONCESSIONER: Private company or individual granted the privilege of providing facilities and services considered necessary by the NPS for accommodating visitors.

CONCESSIONER CAMPGROUND: An element of a concessioner operation involving services for overnight camping or equipment for camping.

CONCESSIONER LODGING: An element of a concessioner operation involving facilities for overnight lodging such as hotels, motels, cabins, cottages, trailer villages, and trailer rental.

REGION: A NPS administrative subdivision. The seven NPS regions include the following states:

Alaska - Alaska

Intermountain - Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming

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Midwest - Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin

National Capital - District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia

Northeast - Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Pacific West - California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

Southeast - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin Islands, Virginia

MISCELLANEOUS OVERNIGHT STAY: Any overnight stay not otherwise defined (sleep aboard boats, camping in organized groups, and/or any other overnight stays not included in other categories of overnight stays, except in-holders which are nonreportable).

MIXED AREA PARK: See Category.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: A Department of Interior (DOI) agency which administers approximately two dozen types of federal land, nationally significant for their scenic, natural, scientific, historical, or archeological interest (see CLASSIFICATION). The agency was established as a Bureau of the DOI by Act of Congress, August 25, 1916. The NPS does not administer National Forests (United States Department of Agriculture/Forest Service), Wildlife Refuges (United States Department of Interior/Fish and Wildlife Service), or a variety of other lands available for public use.

NEGLIGIBLE TRANSIT: A brief, incidental entry into a park by passing traffic (vehicular or pedestrian) using NPS administered grounds, roads, or walkways (See NONREPORTABLE VISITS).

NONRECREATION OVERNIGHT STAYS: Reportable nonrecreation overnight stays include lease holders, line shacks for ranchers, and government personnel (other than NPS employees).

NONRECREATION VISITS: Reportable nonrecreation visits include through traffic, persons going to and from in-holdings, trades-people with business in the park, and government personnel (other than NPS employees) with business in the park.

NONREPORTABLE VISITS: The entry into the park by NPS employees, their families, concessioner employees, members of cooperating associations, NPS contractors, and service personnel.

NOT REPORTING: These areas do not report recreation visits to the NPS.

OUTLYING AREA PARK: See Category.

OVERNIGHT STAY: One night within a park by a visitor.

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RECREATION VEHICLE: Any enclosed vehicle used for camping which is more elaborate than a simple truck or car, such as pickup truck with camper body, pop-up tent trailer, travel trailer, bus, motor coach, mobile home, etc.

RECREATION VISITS: Entries of persons onto lands or waters administered by the NPS for recreational purposes excluding government personnel, through traffic (commuters), trades-people, and persons residing within park boundaries.

REMOTE AREA PARK: See Category.

RURAL AREA PARK: See Category.

SERVICE PERSONNEL. Nonreportable visits include visits by employees of the NPS who are assigned to the park or are visiting the park in connection with their duty assignments, NPS contractors, concessionaires, cooperating associations, and the temporary or permanent members in the households of NPS employees resident in the park.

SUBURBAN AREA PARK: See Category.

URBAN AREA PARK: See Category.

VISIT: The entry of any person, except NPS personnel, onto lands or waters administered by the NPS. Visits may occur as recreation visits or nonrecreation visits. Same day reentries, negligible transits, and entries to detached portions of the same park on the same day are considered as a single visit. Such adjustments are made insofar as practicable for noncontiguous parts of the same park. However, visits are reported separately for two contiguous parks.

VISITOR DAY: Twelve visitor hours in a park.

VISITOR HOUR: The presence of one or more persons, excluding NPS personnel, in a park for continuous, intermittent, or simultaneous periods of time aggregating one hour (e.g., one person for one hour, two persons for one-half hour).

ABBREVIATIONS for 1997

B	Baines
BM	Battlefield Memorial
CNTY	County
HS	Historic Shrine, Historic Site
MEM	Memorial
MISC	Miscellaneous
MTNS	Mountains
NB	National Battlefield
NBP	National Battlefield Park
NBS	National Battlefield Site
NHC	National Heritage Corridor
NHP	National Historical Park
NHR	National Historical Reserve
NHS	National Historic Site
NL	National Lakeshore
NM	National Monument
NMEM	National Memorial
NMP	National Military Park
NP	National Park
NPRES	National Preserve
NPS	National Park Service
NR	National River
NRA	National Recreation Area
NRES	National Reserve
NS	National Seashore
NSR	National Scenic River
NST	National Scenic Trail
ONS	Overnight Stays
OT	On the
PKW	Parkway
PKWY	Parkway
PRES	Preserve
RA	Recreation Area
RECR	Recreation
RV'S	Recreational Vehicle
WASHGTN	Washington